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THE TELEPHONE'S INVENTOR.

His First Night's Work in a Telegraph Office.

I was in the Boston office when he arrived, and I must say," continued Mr. Stewart, bringing his fist down upon the table, "he was the worst looking specimen of humanity I ever saw. The modern telegraph tramp isn't a marker. He wore a pair of jeans breeches six inches too short for him, a pair of very low shoes, the Canuck jacket, and a broad-brimmed button hat, a relic of his life in Memphis. The wide rim was badly torn, and hung down so that you could see his ear through the opening. There was the slightest trace of dirt on his upper lip that he called a mustache. His hair hadn't been combed for a week, and he wore the blackest white shirt that was ever seen on the back of a human being. Narrowsly pinched nose. No, a habit that he had—he inquired for the manager, and was sent to Milliken.

"Are you the boss?" Tom asked. Milliken smiled and said he was the manager. Tom then introduced himself and asked when they wanted him to go to work. Milliken stared at him as though he could scarce believe his ears, and said, "At half-past five." It was then well along in the afternoon. Tom then began to look around the office for a clock, and Milliken said: "Young man, you have to work a pretty heavy wire." Tom gave what he called his mustache an extra twist and with all the assurance in the world, blurted out, "All right, boss, I'll be here at half-past five." He sloped so quick that it made Milliken's head swim.

"The operation burst into a peal of laughter. They had heard and seen everything, and their remarks were anything but complimentary to Tom.

"O," said one of them, "he won't last as long as that Jerseyman that tackled the wire the other day." "Why, that fellow can't read by paper, let alone by sound," shouted another. A third declared that Tom was the worst he ever saw, and when a fourth wondered whether the walking between Michigan and Boston was very good, there was a general roar.

"Well," continued Stewart, "half past five came, and we did Tom. Everybody was on the qui vive. Milliken was just taking from the vault the supply of blanks for the night operators. As Tom came up he pointed to a pile of them, saying, "Take what blanks you want and I'll show you your table." Tom innocently picked up the whole bundle, and followed Milliken to his table.

The operators began to grin and snicker. They all thought that he would be bounced after trying to catch a message, it was the No. 1 wire to New York. Jerry Bost, then considered one of the fastest senders in the country, worked the New York end. As Tom seated himself he heard the call 'B,' and turning to Milliken asked if that was the call for Boston.

"Yes," replied the manager, watching Tom with intense curiosity. Thereupon Tom opened his key and ticked the answer 'I!' Jerry began to whoop 'em up, in his best style, and every eye was turned on Tom. He displayed no anxiety, but kept right along at his work as though he had been taking Jerry all his life. For four mortal hours did Jerry keep it a hundred pounds to the square inch, and four mortal hours did Tom take it down in a hand-writing as neat as re-print. For the first time in his life Jerry had rushed it till he was tired without a break from the receiver. He was astonished. When he had finished, the following messages passed between them.

"From Jerry—'Who the devil are you, anyhow!'

"From Tom—I'm the new man. My name is Tom Edison."

"From Jerry—'Well, you are the man I've been looking for, for the last ten years, and you're the only man I ever found that could take me without a break. Shake.'

"And they shook. The astonishment of the boys in the office was unbounded. There was no more jibing nor snickering. Everybody was Tom's friend at once. The next day Milliken picked up a copy of Tom's manuscript, and reflectively stroked his long beard. 'I never saw such pretty copy,' he said. 'He's as good an operator as I ever met.'

It is said that Charlotte Corday blushed after her head was cut off because the executioner disfigured her face, and it is reported that at a recent execution in Paris, the criminal executed opened his eyes after he had been decapitated, in astonishment at the unpleasant position in which he found himself.

"An Old Maid Show is talked of at 'Utopia' That is right. Give the old maid a show. To be sure, many of them had a good show when they were younger, and refused to embrace the opportunity—and—and now they are old maids and have no men husbands to keep, in *Voracious World*.

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EXPRESS FROM VIRGINIA CITY.

Arrive 10:45 A. M. Virginia.. Leave 6:00 P. M.

10:34 A. M. Gold Hill.. 6:18 P. M.

10:00 A. M. Mo nd H'le.. 6:45 P. M.

9:48 A. M. Carson.. 7:25 P. M.

9:06 A. M. Steamboat.. 8:00 P. M.

7:00 P. M. Reno.. 9:00 P. M.

7:38 A. M. Truckee.. 11:10 P. M.

5:00 A. M. Sacramento.. 6:30 A. M.

9:15 P. M. Valjeo.. Arrive 9:10 A. M.

Leave 9:15 P. M. San Fran'co.. 11:10 A. M.

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AT THE DEPOT, RENO, NEV.

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Washoe County Official Press.

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More Office Seekers—More Sore-heads—More Figures—Another Whitewasher Needed.

Another nest of office seekers has been uncovered, and the yell of the exasperated is again heard in the land. There were only seven disappointed candidates on the last jury, but judging from the new report the entire seventeen of the present jury are longing for official pap. The complacent county official has again been picked by the bockin of investigation, and his contortions are wonderful to behold. The agents of the official brigade, lickspittles and toadies all, were sent out to expiate away the last report. They worked hard and faithfully, they earned the crumbs which they expect to receive as payment. But lo! Now they are still. This morning they have nothing to say whatever. The last Grand Jury has been endorsed fully, the officers are arraigned upon the same counts, and even the daily *Whitewasher*, organ of jobbers and purse-holders from its birth, has nothing whatever to say in defense of the ring. We hope that those who fawn and cringe to the court-house brigade, will not give up entirely; that they will stick to their old creed "no going behind the Commissioners"; that they will sing again "why didn't you indict 'em," and give us in round numbers the defeated and ambitious ones which composed this jury. We have the most genuine and exhaustive contempt for the dependent creatures who run about misrepresenting facts in order to excuse wrong doing. We hope that they may find employment again. We also extend our sympathy to those officers who appointed the present jury. We wish them better luck next time.

And now for the report. The District Judge asked for investigation and got it. The jury find that gross negligence and abuse of the discretionary power have characterized Mr. Wright's administration. The last jury said so, and the *Gazette* stoutly maintained the fact before any jury ever mentioned it. It is to be regretted that there is not some way in which to compel the refunding of these moneys, wasted through the official neglect or incapacity of Judge Wright, and we hope that these two reports and the wholesale desertion from the whitewash-brigade may make him more careful during the remainder of his term.

Unitemized bills and overcharges in mileage are complained of, and instances cited, as in the last report. The exercise of the veto power is called for, as in the last report. And the only difference, except in point of excellence, is that the last body investigated the Clerk, which the former Grand Jury were prevented from doing, for lack of time. The report now presented is more extended and complete than its predecessors; it makes the same points and calls attention of Court and Commissioners to the same offenses. It is now time for these luminaries to act. The officer who has not enjoyed a large experience may make mistakes, but when these mistakes are cited twice and no attempt is made to correct them, there is dishonesty in the neglect, and if it is repeated the offenders should be prosecuted. We do not want the Commissioners to judge of their own acts, not to pay a Deputy Clerk \$20 to whitewash the report. We ask them simply to do what seventeen honest tax-payers have suggested. We shall present in our next issue an exhaustive summary of each offense alleged, and we expect some action upon the report. We have been in earnest upon these matters, and the *Gazette* has been exactly right upon the subject from the first. We have been threatened and slandered by Shylocks and time-serving knaves because we told the exact truth. We shall tell it again, and propose to make it hot for anybody, Judge or Coroner, who seeks to abuse the confidence of our people and hoodwink their representatives. It must be apparent to everybody that such men as Alt, Bragg, Osburn, Jones, Hagerman, Mansing, Beck, Crockett, Boynton, Lee, Bender, Owens, and their associates are neither the biggest fools nor knaves in the county. That their world is of some avail against the hisses of our offending officers who are the

smallest tax-payers in the county. Thirty-three such men as we have named have presented the same character of offenses before Court and Commissioners, and we ask plainly what are you going to do it? See to it, gentlemen, that you do something, and we promise you the most delicate attention of which we are capable, unless you do that which is honest and just to the tax-payers and laws of Washoe county.

"A LITTLE OFF."

Our friend of the Carson *Tribune* thinks that we are all right on some subjects, but a little off on the billion tax question. The Deacon does not believe exactly what he says. He means that we are away off from where he stands upon the subject and heartily wishes he was with us. He advises us to visit Eureka county in order that we may form an opinion. We are not informed as to the date of Deacon P's. visit, and suppose that he feels his mind after the newspaper comment of that section. We have read these also, and have received numbers of private letters from that post and Austin, confirming our beliefs, and counseling us to persevere. The good Deacon *J. C. Hagerman* adds imagination and wings from it this frank confession:

From actual knowledge we state that so far as the veto of the bill referred to adding to Governor Bradley's popularity, it was the most suicidal act his masters could have induced him to commit.

The good Deacon is permitted to know things which others have not learned, and when he says "That bill is something like the bloody shirt—all frayed to tatters," he certainly gets his knowledge from the spirit world which he worships. It would be well for you, Deacon, to go off into a trance, just "a little off," and profound to some ghostly debating club this question: "Shall Republicans patch up those tatters or fray it some more?" When you can, "from actual knowledge," state the decision reached, we shall incline our ear toward you and listen to an apology for your present insanity.

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PERILS OF TRAVELING IN THE BLACK HILLS.—A dispatch from Deadwood under date of the 23d recounts the following: The stage over the Bismarck route, after a long and perilous journey of six days and nights, arrived here last evening with only a portion of the passengers, the others having been left on the other side of the Belle Fourche river, which has for some weeks been impassable for coaches. Mrs. Dr. Coombs, of Chicago, the only lady passenger, gives a dolorous account of the sufferings on the journey. All the bridges are washed away between Bismarck and Deadwood and the roads are a sea of mud. The coach capized several times in deep sloughs, ducking the passengers and ruining nearly all the baggage aboard. One upset was in water eight feet deep. Mrs. Coombs had frequently to be carried through the deep water on the shoulders of her fellow-passengers and arrived here in an exhausted condition. The crossing of the Belle Fourche was accomplished in small skiffs at considerable peril. The band of hostiles seen at that point the day previous had left the vicinity without making an attack, being too small to cope with the party of travelers. The people on the line are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the promised troops, who have not yet been heard from. It is thought here that the troops have been attacked by Sitting Bull's hostiles while en route to the Hills. The only route that has been kept open is the Sidney.

Straightening Tools.—The Polytechnic says: It is not generally known that steel tools sprung in hardening can be straightened in tempering. Hardened steel, when not enough to change the color to straw color or purple, is about as pliable as annealed steel when cold. So pieces warped in hardening can, while hot, be straightened with a hammer, or better, with a screw-press, without danger of breaking.

Capt Eads opposes levees along the Mississippi, on the ground that they are unnecessary. He asserts that by cutting through the bends and shortening the course of the river, it will keep within the natural bank, and drain vast areas of marshy lands.

They were passing a house even with the street, when she was heard to plead: "Don't take off your flannels yet, darling. It is too early. Don't do it." What he said was not heard, but, as far as could be heard in the gloom, he did not do it.

Aleck Stevens is said to be regarded by various democrats as a "common rallying point." We should as soon think of an imaginary line in some undiscovered nowhere as a common rendezvous. How under heaven can they tell when they get there!

"What would you call a model Sunday school?" asked a superintendent of a malcontent. "Well, one where they pass round apple pie every Sunday and have no lessons to learn. That's the hairpin of a Sunday school for me."

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